

## **Minutes**

### **Revenue and Finance Committee**

**June 20, 2006**

**1:30 p.m., Room 209**

**Present:** Council Members: Brownie Newman, Chair;  
Bryan Freeborn, Dr. Carl Mumpower  
Staff: Benjamin Durant, Bruce Black

- **Approval of Minutes**

- Due to lack of time, no action was taken on this agenda item.

- **Discussion Items**

- **Adding Additional Metered Parking in Biltmore Village: Bruce Black**

- Bruce to do additional analysis and will present multiple scenarios for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

- **Leasing Additional Monthly Parking Spaces at the Civic Center: Bruce Black**

- Staff is proposing adding an additional 41 spaces. Three months after metered spaces have been added, Committee would like an evaluation from staff.

- **Policy of Allowing Business Owners to Rent Street Parking Spaces in Front of their Businesses: Bruce Black**

- Bruce will get broader input, and do more research for further discussion at the next Revenue and Finance Committee Meeting. In the interim, Bruce will collaborate with concerned shopkeepers.

- **Sales Tax Update: Ben Durant**

- Three options were presented to the Committee. No action was taken on this item.

- **Business Privilege License Review: Ben Durant**

- The Committee recommended that we increase the base rate and keep the cap on manufacturing. However, before they adopt the proposal, they are requesting to see data on how the change would affect service industries in the city.

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- **Outside Agency Funding: Ben Durant**
  - The Committee recommended funding the following outside agencies:
    - The Asheville Art Museum - \$5,000
    - Children First - \$10,000
    - Quality Forward - \$5,000
    - United Way's 211 - \$5,000
- **Public Comment**
  - Several local business owners were present to communicate their concerns regarding the policy of allowing business owners to rent street parking spaces in front of their businesses.
  - Citizen commented that he felt the City should not penalize success by taking the cap off of the business privilege licenses; which would make larger businesses pay more.
- **Upcoming Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
  - Due to lack of time, this agenda item was not discussed.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Heywood